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To: Governor Kristi Noem  
From: Craig Price, Cabinet Secretary  
Date: August 23, 2023  
Re: Retirement

Dear Governor Noem,

I am writing to notify you of my upcoming retirement from the State of South Dakota. My last day as a state employee will be September 22, 2023. I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to serve as a valued member of your Cabinet. Your support for Public Safety has been amazing and I've enjoyed working with you every single day. Governor, you are a caring, driven, and dependable leader who always had our back. I wish you the absolute best in the future.

When I began my law enforcement career as a SD State Trooper in 1997, I mostly just needed a job. I had no idea the fulfillment I would get from my service to our state, our citizens, and our co-workers the following 26+ years. It's been an amazing career and I feel like I'm going out on top.

The year 2023 has always been my goal to retire from this career. I've given every professional ounce of myself to my responsibilities and I'm very proud of what we've achieved. I have too many people to thank, but no one has been more supportive than my wife Kami, and our daughters Remington and Lavin. Without their absolute support, my career wouldn't have been possible.

The Department of Public Safety is in a good place.

With my best regards,

Craig L. Price  
Cabinet Secretary  
SD Department of Public Safety